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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

EXMAR SHIPPING N.V..

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Plaintiff,

<u>ORDER</u>

-against-

POLAR SHIPPING S.A. and POLAR SHIPPING CO., LTD.,

Defendants.

WHEREAS, \$300,000 belonging to the Defendants is currently under attachment and held by the garnishee bank ABN-AMRO pursuant to a Maritime Attachment and Garnishment; and

WHEREAS, Defendants wish to have \$25,000 of these funds transferred to this Court's Registry and \$275,000 of these funds released to Defendants in exchange for their providing the Plaintiffs with a Steamship Insurance P&I Club Letter of Undertaking ("Steamship LOU"); and

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and Defendants have been unable to agree upon the language proposed by the Defendants in the Steamship LOU and the parties submitted Letter Briefs requesting my non-binding advisory opinion on this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Having read the Letter Briefs submitted by the Plaintiffs and Defendants, with their attachments, my opinion is that the customary language and usual undertaking by P&I Clubs would call for the Steamship LOU to be stated in a

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2. In the event that the parties cannot agree on the language in the Steamship LOU within seven (7) days of this Order, then the full \$300,000 currently under attachment will be transferred to the Clerk of the Court of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York c/o The U.S. Treasury, ABA No. 021030004, Agency Location Code 4654, to be held in an interest bearing account of

this Court.

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SO ORDERED:

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